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FEUD FIGURES. Around these three men swirls the controversy over alleged "leaks" of defense secrets. Sen. Stuart Symington (D-Mo.) is an implied target of GOP complaints that secret testimony of Central Intelligence Agency Director Allen W. Dulles had been "leaked" to a syndicated columnist. President Eisenhower, scheduled to hold a news conference today, at which he may discuss Democratic tactics.



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Ike May Hit Out Today At Rocket-Race 'Leaks'

(COMBINED NEWS SERVICES)

Washington — President Eisenhower was described on good authority today as angered by what he regards as congressional "leaks" of secret testimony on comparative U.S.-Russian missile strength.

The chief executive, back from an inspection yesterday of the Cape Canaveral, Fla., missile test base, was believed primed to express his concern at his news conference today.

The President was expected to give a first-hand report on his three-hour tour of Cape Canaveral yesterday. He also was likely to defend against his defense policies. Democrats have charged that Russia is pulling dangerously far ahead in missiles.

Eisenhower was reported to have voiced his anger and concern about the missile "leaks" at Tuesday morning's White House meeting with GOP congressional leaders. Senate Republican Leader Everett M. Dirksen (Ill.) told newsmen later that the President was "intense, but not mad." But this was understood to be a toned-down version of the President's reaction.

The main target of Eisenhower's anger was said to be columnist Joseph Alsop's publication of secret testimony, attributed to Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) Director Allen W. Dulles before Senate space-preparedness investigators.

The "leaks" controversy started when Sen. Stuart Symington (D-Mo.), a severe critic of Eisenhower's defense program, threatened to reveal secret intelligence estimates if the administration insisted that the

1. Officials in the capital told the New York Times that the Air Force had expressed disagreement with the estimates of Soviet missile progress prepared by the National Intelligence Board, headed by Dulles. The Air Force credited the Russians with a greater advantage than that estimated by the board, the Times said today. The published estimate is that the Russians are likely to have a 3-1 lead over the U.S. in intercontinental ballistic weapons in a few years.

2. The Senate preparedness subcommittee, which has been holding hearings on defense, announced Tuesday that it would recall Dulles to clear up "confusion." The subcommittee cited apparently conflicting testimony that it received at a closed hearing Tuesday from Gen. Nathan F. Twining, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. No date has been set for Dulles' appearance at a closed hearing.

3. The New York Herald Tribune said today that "with luck," the Minuteman, America's most advanced intercontinental missile, could be combat-ready by 1962. The Tribune said that the missile was being developed months ahead of schedule and would be flight-tested late this year. According to the Tribune, the Air Force had advanced from early 1961 to late this year the test-firing of the Minuteman's first stage. The Tribune said it learned that the second stage, but not the third, might also be ready this year.

In his budget message, Eisenhower told Congress that the 55-foot Minuteman would be combat-ready by 1962.